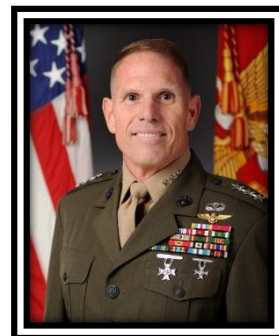




**COMMANDING GENERAL, MARINE CORPS COMBAT
DEVELOPMENT COMMAND AND DEPUTY COMMANDANT,
COMBAT DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION
SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY STATEMENT**



Every member of MCCDC/CD&I plays a vital role in our success and in our ranks there is no room for tolerance in regards to sexual assault. From the professional climate you establish in your workspace, to the language you use when interacting with fellow Marines and civilians, you must put preventative measures in place and instill trust with your people that you will not tolerate misconduct and will take complaints seriously. Additionally, we all must encourage victims to report incidents of sexual assault as well as utilize the various resources and services available to them.



Sexual Assault is a criminal act and goes against everything for which we stand. As Marines, we are held to a higher standard. Our ethos and principles should serve as a beacon to guide in making decisions. This type of criminality must be eliminated from our Corps. It is everyone's inherent duty to step up to prevent sexual assault.

The Marine Corps' goal is to eliminate sexual assault from its ranks and to assist with compassion to those Marines and Sailors affected by sexual assault. To facilitate that goal, commanders shall ensure all leaders and supervisors within their command are familiar with Marine Corps Order 1742.5B and the guidance published in its enclosure.

Semper Fidelis,

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